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Monday, *the* *11th of August 1930.*
27th of Karkadagam 1105.

The House met at Half-past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. The Political Agent was also present. Messrs. I. E. Ambooken, A. S. Harihara Ayyar, K. T. Mathew and Dr. A. R. Menon were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Bridge in Trikkur.

91. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) has the Government received petitions for a bridge in Trikkur river; if so, what action has been taken;

(b) will a copy of the report of the Chief Engineer be placed on the table?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The Member is referred to the answers to questions Nos. 54 and 7 of the legislative and budget sessions of 1103 respectively.

(b) A copy of the Chief Engineer's report dated 31st Karkadagam 1104 is placed on the Council Table.

Consumption of Salt.

92. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many maunds of salt are required for consumption in the State for one year;

(2) what is the total quantity of salt stored during the year 1105 and out of that how many maunds were sold up to date;

(3) what surplus qnantity of salt was left unsold during the year 1104;

(4) whether the Government have any idea of manufacturing salt within the State; and if not, why?

Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar.—(1) About three lakhs maunds of salt, taking the maximum.

(2) 2,66,652 maunds 1,27,767 maunds respectively.

(3) 1,37,547 maunds.

(4) No. The question has not come up.

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Mr. C. J. Mathew.—May I know how you account for such a big amount of salt being not sold in 1104?

Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar.—That quantity will last until the next Vrischigam.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—My question is why it was not sold?

Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar.—That was intended for subsequent months in 1105.

President.—The thing is we cannot exactly say when the next consignment would come for the particular year. So we have an extra stock to make use for the succeeding three or four months. That is by way of precaution. Supposing the Steamer does not come in proper time, then we will be put to great inconvenience. Generally it is the case, I think?

Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar.—Yes, Sir.

Hindu cremation ground, Irinjalakkuda.

93 Mr. A. L. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) With reference to question No. 117 (3) of Vrischigam Session 1104, on what ground did the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer think of shifting the cremation grounds from the present site;

(2) is it not on sanitary conditions;

(3) if so, why did the Government act upon the opinion of the Diwan Peishkar and the Panchayat in preference to that of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer;

(4) what have the Government done with the new site for the cremation ground for Hindus selected by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) On sanitary grounds.

(2) Yes.

(3) As there were objections to the proposal the question was put off for consideration by the Municipality to be constituted in Irinjalakkuda.

(4) It is a grazing ground for cattle and therefore cannot be made available for use as a cremation ground.

Mr. A. L. Antony.—With reference to the Answer to subdivision (3) it is said that there was objection from the Municipality. Am I to understand that the Municipality is the authority on the sanitary improvements—improvements on scientific principles, or the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The subject was put off not on the question of sanitary grounds but on other questions of expediency which the Muncipality is better able to decide than the Government.

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